



Code: 7975

Family: Construction, Maintenance, and Skilled Labor

Service: Operation and Construction

Group: Forestry and Parkways

Series: Landscape Maintenance

CLASS TITLE: TREE TRIMMER

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS

Under immediate supervision, assists in planting and transplanting trees and removing dead trees and limbs, and performs related duties as required

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Climbs trees and/or is lifted in a mechanical device to remove selected limbs with power saws or pruners
- Cuts tree trunks on the ground with gasoline or electric power saws
- Helps to load severed tree trunks onto trucks
- Operates power sprayers on trees and shrubs to combat disease and insects
- Repairs trees by bolting and cabling or filling cavities in trees
- Dates and prepares trees for planting and/or plants trees
- Prepares cuttings of shrubs to facilitate propagation
- Repairs and maintains a variety of equipment used in the planting, transplanting, and pruning of trees
- Ensures the availability of adequate supplies and equipment on site

NOTE: *The list of essential duties is not intended to be inclusive; there may be other duties that are essential to particular positions within the class.*

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience

- Willingness and ability to perform the duties of the job

Licensure, Certification, or Other Qualifications

- None

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Exposure to outdoor weather conditions
- Exposure to loud noise, fumes or dust, oily or wet environment
- Exposure to insects and animals
- Exposure to hazardous conditions (e.g., heavy machinery)
- Work performed in cramped or confined locations
- Work performed at great heights with the use of safety belts

EQUIPMENT

- Hand tools (e.g., hammer, screwdriver, wrench, pliers)
- Personal protective equipment (e.g., hard hat, shoes, glasses, gloves, vest, pads)
- Safety devices or equipment (e.g., cones, barricades, metal plates, scaffolding, ropes)

- Powered and manual cleaning equipment (e.g., steam-cleaners, shovel, power hoses, mops, brooms)
- Communication equipment (e.g., two-way radio, multi-channel communication system)
- Standard landscape tools and equipment (e.g., shovel, axe, sandblaster, weed cutter, fogger, dolly, rake, whip, chain saw, pole saw, pesticide application sprayer)

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Heavy lifting (up to 75 pounds) is required
- Ability to walk and stand for extended or continuous periods of time
- Ability to quickly bend, stretch, twist, or reach out with one's body, arms, and/or legs
- Ability to climb ladders and/or step stools
- Ability to operate applicable hand tools, power tools, and equipment
- Ability to tolerate heights while working

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge

Some knowledge of:

- applicable equipment, materials, and hand and power tools used in the care of trees and shrubbery
- use of safety equipment and protective gear
- safety practices, procedures, and code standards specific to the care of trees and shrubbery
- trees, shrubbery, and other plant material used in landscape beautification
- applicable emergency operations

Knowledge of applicable City and department policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and ordinances

Skills

- *ACTIVE LEARNING - Understand the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making
- *ACTIVE LISTENING - Give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, ask questions as appropriate, and not interrupt at inappropriate times
- EQUIPMENT SELECTION - Determine the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job

Abilities

- COMPREHEND ORAL INFORMATION - Listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences
- SPEAK - Communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand
- RECOGNIZE PROBLEMS - Tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong
- VISUALIZE - Imagine how something will look after it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged

Other Work Requirements

- STAMINA - Demonstrate energy and stamina to accomplish work tasks
- DEPENDABILITY - Demonstrate reliability, responsibility, and dependability and fulfill obligations
- ATTENTION TO DETAIL - Pay careful attention to detail and thoroughness in completing work tasks

All employees of the City of Chicago must demonstrate commitment to and compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and City ordinances and rules; the City's Ethics standards; and other City policies and procedures.

The City of Chicago will consider equivalent foreign degrees, accreditations, and credentials in evaluating qualifications.

* May be required at entry.

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